

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated April 24, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 23-30 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants are grateful for the indication that claims 1 and 5-22 are allowable. In light of the aforementioned cancelled claims, the application is in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected claims 23-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over US Patent No. 6,225,944 to Hayes (Hayes), in view of newly cited reference, US Patent No. 6,769,000 to Akhtar et al. (Akhtar). As discussed above, claims 23-30 are cancelled, thus this rejection is moot.

Applicants submit that in light of the allowance of claims 1 and 5-22 the application is condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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